Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World

Junior Script
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Minimum Cast Size	30	Duration (minutes)	40

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CAST LIST

In the following list the bracketed number shows the number of spoken lines each character has. The asterisk (*) before the character's name indicates that this character has solo or featured sung lines.

The Children and Sir David		Narrators	
*Sir David Hattenscarf	(46)	Narrator 1	(6)
Child 1	(17)	Narrator 2	(6)
Child 2	(22)	Narrator 3	(4)
Child 3	(22)	Narrator 4	(3)
Child 4	(23)	Narrator 5	(6)
Child 5	(17)	Narrator 6	(6)
		Narrator 7	(6)
At Home		Narrator 8	(6)
Gran	(8)		
Mum	(3)	Cast Of Egypt	
		Market Stall Keeper 1	(4)
Cast Of India		Market Stall Keeper 2	(3)
Aarav	(5)	Market Stall Keeper 3	(5)
Aditi	(5)	Market Stall Keeper 4	(4)
Bengal Tiger	(4)	Niall	(2)
Tiger 1	(2)	Tour Guide	(3)
Tiger 2	(3)	Camel 1	(3)
		Camel 2	(2)
Cast Of Australia		Camel 3	(2)
Australian 1	(2)		
Australian 2	(2)	Cast Of Borneo	
Australian 3	(1)	Tribesperson 1	(4)
Australian 4	(4)	Tribesperson 2	(3)
*Turtle Tim	(9)	Tribesperson 3	(2)
*Turtle Tag	(7)	Tribesperson 4	(2)
*Turtle Tina	(4)	*Orangutan Otis	(3)
Turtle Tony	(5)	Baby Orangutan	(3)
Cast Of Wales		Cast of Antarctica	
Welshman Owen	(6)	Penguin 1	(2)
	• •	Penguin 2	(3)
		Penguin 3	(2)
		Group of Blue Whales	(1)

(Non-Speaking Roles:- 4 Dancers and a Snake Charmer and Orangutans.)

SPEAKING ROLES BY NUMBER OF LINES

N.B. In the following list, the number shows how many SPOKEN lines each role has. An asterisk (*) before the character's name indicates that this character ALSO has solo or featured sung lines.

*Sir David Hattenscarf	(46)
Child 4	(23)
Child 2	(22)
Child 3	(22)
Child 5	(17)
Child 1	(17)
*Turtle Tim	(9)
*Turtle Tag	(7)
Gran	(8)
Welshman Owen	(6)
Narrator 1	(6)
Narrator 2	(6)
Narrator 5	(6)
Narrator 6	(6)
Narrator 7	(6)
Narrator 8	(6)
Tour Guide	(6)
Market Stall Keeper 3	(5)
Aarav	(5)
Aditi	(5)
*Turtle Tony	(5)
Market Stall Keeper 1	(4)
Narrator 3	(4)
Bengal Tiger	(4)
Australian 4	(4)
*Turtle Tina	(4)
Market Stall Keeper 4	(4)
Tribesperson 1	(4)
Narrator 4	(3)
Market Stall Keeper 2	(3)
Camel 1	(3)
Tribesperson 2	(3)
Orangutan Otis	
Baby Orangutan	(3)

Penguin 2	(3)
Tiger 2	(3)
Mum	(3)
Tiger 1	(2)
Niall	(2)
Australian 1	(2)
Australian 2	(2)
Camel 2	(2)
Camel 3	(2)
Tribesperson 3	(2)
Tribesperson 4	(2)
Penguin 1	(2)
Penguin 3	• •
Australian 3	
Group of Blue Whales	• •

(Non-Speaking Roles:- 4 Dancers and a Snake Charmer and Orangutans.)

REDUCED CAST LIST

(In the following list the bracketed number shows the number of spoken lines each character has. The asterisk (*) before the character's name indicates that this character has solo or featured sung lines.

*Sir David Hattenscart	46
Child 4	23
Child 2	22
Child 3	22
Child 5	17
Child 1	17
Aarav and *Turtle Tag	12
Gran and *Turtle Tina	12
Mum and *Turtle Tim	12
Narrator 1 and 2	12
Narrator 5 and 6	12
Narrator 7 and 8	12
Aditi and *Turtle Tony	10
Australian 1, Tribesperson 1 and Market Stall Keeper 1	10
Australian 4, Tribesperson 4 and Market Stall Keeper 4	10
Niall and Welshman Owen	8
Australian 2, Tribesperson 2 and Market Stall Keeper 2	8
Australian 3, Tribesperson 3 and Market Stall Keeper 3	8
Narrator 3 and 4	7
Tour Guide and Snake Charmer	6
Tiger 2 and Baby Orangutan	6
Tiger 1 and Orangutan Otis	5
Camel 1 and Penguin 1	5
Camel 2 and Penguin 2	5
Camel 3 and Penguin 3	4
Bengal Tiger	4
Group of Blue Whales (Adults could play this role)	1

(Non-speaking roles:- 4 Dancers)

CHARACTERS IN EACH SCENE

Scene One

Child 1-5

Gran

Mum

Scene Two

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 1

Scene Three

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 2

Aarav

Aditi

Bengal Tiger

Tiger 1-2

Dancers x 4

Scene Four

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 3

Narrator 4

Stall Keeper 1-4

Niall

Camel 1-3

Tour Guide

Snake Charmer

Dancers x 4

Scene Five

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 5

Australian 1-4

Turtle Tim

Turtle Tag

Turtle Tina

Turtle Tony

Scene Six

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 6

Tribesperson 1-4

Orangutan Otis

Baby Orangutan

Orangutans

Scene Seven

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 7

Owen

Scene Eight

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Group of Blue Whales

Penguins 1-3

Dancers x 4

Scene Nine

Child 1-5

Sir David Hattenscarf

Narrator 7

Narrator 8

Gran

Entire Cast for Final Song

LIST OF PROPERTIES

Scene One	
Small table and 2 chairs	Scene Prop
Teacups	Scene Prop
Board Game	Scene Prop
Scene Two	
Treasure Chest	•
Old photos/newspapers	•
Pith hat	
Scarf S	Sir David Hattenscarf
Magic carpet large enough for 6 children	Scene Prop
Scene Three	
Green jungle leaves	Scene Prop
Diwali lamps	•
Magic carpet large enough for 6 children	•
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Scene Four	
Egyptian market stalls	Scene Prop
Flip flops	Scene Prop
Small sheets or cut up material for sheets	Scene Prop
Concession trays for flip flops	Scene Prop
Concessions trays for 'Sheets'	Scene Prop
Snake attached to a flute with invisible string	Scene Prop
Basket for snake charmer to hide behind	Scene Prop
Huge name badge	Niall
Large pyramids if backdrop not used	Scene Prop
Magic carpet large enough for 6 children	Scene Prop
Scene Five	
Sunglasses	
Plastic bottles and litter surrounding turtles	
Blue material for sea with plastic litter on if back drop not used	
Magic carpet large enough for 6 children	Scene Prop
Scene Six	
Trees if backdrop not used	Scene Prop
Magic carpet large enough for 6 children	
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Scene Eight

Scene Seven

White blocks/boxes for ice	Scene Prop
White material for ice if back drop not used	. Scene Prop
Blue material for water if back drop not used	Scene Prop

Scene Nine

Key for Gran	Scene Pro	р
Treasure Chest	Scene Pro	р

PRODUCTION NOTES

Welcome to Sir David Hattenscarf and The Wonders Of The World! We are certain that you will find this musical comedy enjoyable, heart-warming and eye-opening as you rehearse and perform! To assist you in your production it may be helpful to consider the following guidance in each section of the production notes below.

CASTING

This production can be increased to a much larger cast.

The script is written for 49 + characters:

Principal roles 17-46 lines

Mid-range roles 4-10 lines

Smaller roles 1-3 lines

Non-speaking roles minimum 7 (preferably more)

Please note that many of the non-speaking roles largely consist of substantial dancing.

The script is written for 49 speaking characters and a minimum of 7+ non-speaking characters, as listed previously. These range from principal parts to small supporting roles. For productions with a larger cast, different dancers may be used in each dancing scene, along with larger groups of animals, such as additional tigers, camels, blue whales and orangutans. Also, the role of Sir David Hattenscarf can be shared between 3 cast members (change between Scenes Three and Four and Six and Seven). There is also scope to redistribute lines by adding additional speaking roles such as narrators or including more Market Stall Keepers.

For productions with fewer cast members, condensing and doubling of characters is possible. Cast members will need to be confident in taking on the role of numerous characters, with additional lines. This can be done in the following way, reducing the cast to 30 speaking parts (potentially 26 speaking and 4 non-speaking): The Narrators double up as The Dancers: If you have less confident speakers, the 8 Narrator roles can also be condensed into 4, leaving 4 non-speakers who are solely dancers for each required dance scene. Market stall Keeper, Australians and Tribespeople to be played by the same cast members, Camels 1,2 and 3 double up as Penguins 1,2 and 3, Tiger 1 and 2 double up as Orangutan Otis and Baby Orangutan, Gran, Mum, Aarav and Aditi double up as the 4 Turtles, Niall doubles up as Welshman Owen and the Tour Guide Doubles up as the Snake Charmer.

The script would work best if The Children are speaking in a 'South London' accent to pronounce Sir David Hattenscarf as "at 'n' scarf". The child cast to play Sir David Hattenscarf should attempt the role by speaking in a slow paced, well-spoken voice, if possible. An Australian accent for the Australians and a Welsh accent for the Welshman would work well, if able to do so. Child 5 is best played with a cast member confident to do

so in an over-excited and comedic manner. It is important that typecasting does not take place in any form.

CHORUS

The Chorus parts are flexible. Specific singers are indicated in the script, although the numbers could be increased with an additional chorus if preferable.

COSTUMES AND CHARACTERS

The show travels around a number of countries enabling characters to wear culturally appropriate attire to reflect the country they are visiting. The 5 Children can be dressed in their own modern-day attire along with Sir David in an explorer's costume.

Character	Costume	<u>Notes</u>
Sir David Hattenscarf	To wear a Pith Hat and Safari attire.	Confident, many lines to remember and solo to be sung. To speak similarly to Sir David Attenborough.
The Children	Own clothes, basic t-shirt and trousers.	All Children have many lines to remember. Child 4 and 5 must be confident to deliver jokes well. Child 5 is an overexcited 'silly' character.
Mum	Smart work clothes.	
Gran	Glasses, wig, flowery dress.	
Aarav and Aditi	Traditional Indian attire or brightly coloured sparkly clothes.	
Bengal Tiger	Orange top and black leggings/trousers. Gold bangles. Mask on eyes.	Able to speak loudly.
Tigers	Orange top and black leggings/trousers. Mask on eyes.	
Indian Dancers	Traditional Indian attire or brightly coloured sparkly clothes. Bangles.	

Market Stall Keepers	Jeans, striped shirt and white apron (will carry a concession tray).	Market Stall Keeper 1: able to deliver a tongue twister clearly.
Niall	Jeans and brightly coloured t-shirt to catch attention of audience.	
Camels	Beige/brown clothes with mask on head.	
Tour Guide	Jeans, white shirt and tie.	
Egyptian Dancers	Traditional Egyptian Dancer attire in red and gold colours.	
Tribesperson	Patterned kaftan/wrap.	
Orangutans	Orange with mask on eyes/head.	
Australian	Cork hat, flowery shirt, shorts and flip flops.	Aussie accent 'cool vibes'.
Turtles	Green t-shirt and brown trousers or leggings.	Quick paced conversation between cast members, so must be able to deliver clearly. Tag: laid back cool vibes. Tim: grumpy.
Welshman	Chequered top and trousers.	Comedic lines, Welsh accent.
Penguins	Black trousers or leggings, white top and black cardigan.	
Blue Whales	All Blue.	
Jelly Fish Dancers	All white.	Contemporary.

STAGING

A central aisle through the audience is recommended for this production.

SCENERY

The show has 9 locations:

- 1. At home in the kitchen.
- 2. In the attic a stereotypical dusty old attic.
- 3. The sky blue skies with white clouds.
- 4. India the staging is split into two halves for this. Left side celebrating Diwali and the right a jungle sanctuary.
- 5. Egyptian market place pyramids of Giza in the background.
- 6. Australian litter-covered beach.
- 7. Bornean jungle.
- 8. Welsh countryside a stream at the front.
- 9. Antarctica.

Our digital backdrops Project It! can be used as scenery to represent the locations. Alternatively, if not using the digital projections, a painted background with a world and smaller paintings of the places visited throughout can work well, especially with the addition large interchangeable props to demonstrate the changing scenery. These could include: boxes for the attic; white clouds cut out and being waved around to show a moving sky scene; lamps; jungle leaves; large pyramids and stalls set up; plastic bottles and yellow material to show Australian beach; more jungle leaves with half cut down trees at one side; large bush; blue material for the river; white painted boxes for icebergs.

CHOREOGRAPHY

Each song mirrors the culture of the places being visited and lends itself to movement of some sort. The chart below lists the context of each song and gives some ideas you may wish to consider. Our Dance It! can be used for guidance on interesting and culturally appropriate dances.

Song	Purpose	Details
Welcome to Our Story	This number opens the show.	For this song you may wish to have the dancers performing from the key change in the song and bring the main characters on stage throughout to introduce.
Sir David Hattenscarf	To introduce all characters of the show and set the storyline.	David Hattenscarf should appear on stage for his solo. As each country's music is played, the characters from this scene may stand at the side of the stage, if in view of the audience and wave/dance. Alternatively, if cast are in the wings, they can walk on stage and wave to the audience. They could appear from the wings or the aisles, to make the experience immersive for the audience.
Magic Flying Carpet	Transition song whilst moving between scenes.	Children and David to sit on the carpet, leaning and waving at 'people' below.
Bengal Tiger	Cultural song informing about posing threats to tigers.	Tigers prowling and swiping at the audience as they move up and down the aisle. Dancers may be dressed in traditional Indian attire.
Ships Of The Desert	Cultural themed song about the camels.	Camels marching up and down the aisle. Dancers may be dressed in traditional Egyptian attire.

The Ballad Of The Turtles	Song to share the posing threats to sea life, in the oceans.	Turtles to stand centre of stage to perform their group song.
Hanging Around In The Jungle	Jazz style song to share the posing threats to orangutans due to deforestation.	Orangutans to 'monkey around' up and down the aisles. Jazz-style interlude dance
Antarctica	Song to celebrate what Antarctica has to offer.	Dancers may be dressed as Antarctic jelly fish (all in white) for the instrumental, which is to be a slow, expressive dance.
We Hope You Liked Our Story	Song to wrap up the show and revisit the journey.	For the 'walk down', all characters to run on stage during the instrumental part of the song (when it is their turn to take a bow) and wave to the audience.